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**PETER FRANCISCO'S ENCOUNTER WITH THE
BRITISH.** BURKEVILLE, Aug. 22.—Passing
through lower Nottoway, I halted a night
with William Ward, Esq., in a part of whose
paternal residence the American Hercules, Pe-
ter Francisco, slew the British officer. The
facts of this historic tragedy are these: Peter,
happening to be an unarmed guest of Benja-
min Ward (father of the present incumbent)
when eight armed and mounted plunderers from
Tarleton's army alighted, was, in common
with the family, despoiled of his valuables,
among which were his knee buckles. Peter,
chafed under the gross insult, keenly watched
his opportunity for revenge. This was pre-
sented, as the officer was following his
seven men down the steps leading out of the
house. Being a very short man, he was under
the necessity of raising the scabbard (which
contained a heavy sabre) in order to prevent it
from dragging in going down the steps, and by
this act, the hilt of the weapon, suspended as
it was from the waist, was necessarily placed
at a distance, and somewhat more to the rear. At
this instant, Peter, who was stealthily follow-
ing, seized the projecting hilt, drew the glitter-
ing blade, and, by one mighty stroke of ac-
cumulated wrath, laid open the skull of the un-
worthy wearer. The seven attendants, seeing
the fate of their devoted leader, immediately
"cut dirt" to the main body of Tarleton's ar-
my, then only a half mile distant.
An old engraving of this affair, which repre-
sents Mr. Ward as offering the British officer a
gun with which to defend himself, is a gross mis-
representation and a palpable slander. The
proposition is susceptible of abundant proof
that a truer patriot than Benjamin Ward did
not live in America. All the above statements
are sustained beyond the possibility of doubt.
—Rich. Whig.

THE VATICAN COUNCIL.—In a lecture at
Cincinnati, Archbishop Purcell gave the an-
nexed account of the opposition in the Vatican
council to the doctrine of infallibility:
There were twenty bishops dwelling in our
American college in Rome, and we met to know
what course we could pursue with regard to
this matter.
The archbishop of Baltimore urged us to do
what we proposed, viz: To write to the Pope
a most respectful letter, and implore him not
to have this subject brought before the council.
I drew up the address to the Pope in Latin,
was the first to sign it, and twenty seven arch-
bishops and bishops signed it also, almost all
Americans except the archbishop of Halifax
and two others. The archbishop of Baltimore,
as I said, urged us to this course, but he de-
cided to sign the petition because he was a
member of one of the committees on faith.
Some other bishops made up their minds to
sign paper on the question, either for or
against. Besides this, there were one hun-
dred and forty German and Hungarian, and
even Italian bishops and French bishops who
addressed a similar petition to the Holy Father.
Others there were who declined, because they
said it would show a want of unanimity and
union among the bishops, and would cause
many things to be said in the heat of debate
and discussion which might be unpleasant to
the Holy Father as well as to ourselves. The
Holy Father did not think it proper to adopt
our suggestions.

CARE OF HORSES' LEGS.—Few men who
handle horses give proper attention to the feet
and legs. Especially is this the case on the
farms. Much time is spent of a man rub-
bing, brushing and smoothing the hair on the
sides and hips, but at no time are the feet ex-
amined and properly cared for. Now, be it
known, that in this six thousand year old
world of ours the feet need more care than the
body. They need ten times as much. For in
one respect they are almost the entire horse.
All the grooming that can be done won't avail
anything, if the horse is forced to stand where
his feet will be filthy. In this case the feet
will become disordered, and then the legs will
get badly out of fix, and with bad feet and bad
legs there is not much else of the horse fit for
anything. Stable prisons generally, are terri-
bly severe on the feet and legs of horses, and
unless these buildings can afford a dry room,
where a horse can walk around, lie down or
roll over, they are not half so healthy and
comfortable to the horse as the pasture, and
should be avoided by all good breeders in the
country. —Rural World.

HOUSE SERVANTS.—The presiding genius of
a boarding house, who has been in great trou-
ble for several days past by reason of short
help, was agreeably surprised yesterday by the
appearance of a "woman of the house" who
wished to be engaged. The answer was that a
servant was wanted, and that good wages would
be paid to a suitable person. The greasy wench
stated that she was in search of employment
and would go to work at once for the modest
stipend of \$15 per month. This was not con-
sidered unreasonable, and the landlady began
to congratulate herself. She thought it prudent,
however, to find out the qualifications of
old grays before closing the contract, and asked
her what she could do. The reply was a
stunner—she "could do anything except cook,
wash or iron—that she had never learned, and
did not intend to!" It is needless to say that
the boarding house aforesaid remains without
a servant. —Galestone News.

LATE DINNERS.—Dining late is, as a rule,
preferable to mid day dinners, for dinner ought
to be the principal meal of the day, and, to be
enjoyed as well as digested, admits of neither
hurry nor interference. The work of the day
should be over; and a long rest, followed by
light occupation before bed time will be singu-
larly conducive to health as well as happiness.
What profit or pleasure can you get out of a
dinner when you know that an army of clerks
awaits your supervision, or that some very full
and remarkably stout lodgers have to be
balanced as soon as the cloth is removed? You
wait with impatience for the course to be
served, for the food to be swallowed, but as for
the digestion of the same, that is quite beyond
your jurisdiction; your business is to clear so
many dishes in a given time; your work is cut
out before you, and you are not the man to
shirk it. But you must consider that you have
a stomach to superintend as well as clerks, and
that if you do not give the bowels a passing
thought, the balance will be dead against you
in the ledger of health. —Good Health for
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